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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MOLINA REVIEWS GOES FOREIGN POLICY (PART 2 OF 3)

1. IN THE JULY 15 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND DATT (DESCRIBED IN PART I, SAN SALVADOR 2851), PRESIDENT MOLINA ALSO PRESENTED HIS THOUGHTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF EL SALVADOR'S FOREIGN POLICY. THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, AND THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. RELATIONSHIP WITH LAUGERUD GW PRESIDENT MOLINA PREFACED HIS REMARKS BY DESCRIBING HIS LONG, FIRENDLY, AND NOW CLOSE, RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESIDENT LAUGEJSD OF GUATEMALA. HE SAID THE TWO OF THEM CONSULT FREQUENTLY AND FRANKLY, AND "SEE EYE TO EYE ON FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES."

3. CENTRAL AMERICA GLOBAL POLICIES - THE PRESIDENT SPOKE ONLY
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REFERRING AGAIN TO HIS COLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH LAUGERUD, HE SAID THAT WITH THE GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT'S HELP, HE HOPED TO ENCOURAGE HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR INTO A TRIPARITE COMMON POSTURE ON INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ISSUDI

4. REGIONAL SHIPPING SCHEME - THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT EL SALVADOR IS NOT READY TO JOIN NAMUCAR, THE PROPOSAL FOR A CA-CARIBBEAN JMLNT SHIPPING VENTURE. HE SAID HE WOULDN'T RULE OUT FUTURESALVADORAN PARTICIPATION, BUT THAT FOR NOW THE GOES WANTS TO RESERVE ITS POSITION. HE ADDED THAT ONE OF HIS OBJECTIONS IS THE PROPOSED PARTICIPATION OF CUBA.

5. FERTICA - MOLINA SAID THAT EL SALVADOR IS ALSO NOT READY TO OPT FOR PURCHASE OF FERTICA BY THE CA GOVERNMENTS. HE INTENDS TO APPOINT A STUDY COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE SCHEME BEFORE THE GOES MAKES A FINAL DECISION.

6. SELA - THE PRESIDENT FEELS THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A MEXICAN AND VENEZUELAN SCHEME. ALTHOUGH NOT OPPOSED TO THE GENERAL IDEA, THE GOES ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF DISINTEREST. AGAIN, THE IDEA OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT BOTHERS HIM.

7. CUBAN SANCTIONS - MOLINA SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT RECENTLY DISCOVERED "INDICATIONS" OF POSSIBLE CUBAN INTERVENTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES' AFFAIRS, AND NOW HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS PREVIOUS POSITION IN FAVOR OF LISTING THE SANCTIONS. HE ALLEGED THAT SMALL SHIPMENTS OF EXPLOSIVES INTENDED FOR TERRORISTS' USE IN CENTRAL AMERICA HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED HE DID NOT DISCLOSE ANY PARTICULARS INT THIS REGARD, HOWEVER. HE SAID HE IS "RECONSIDERING" THE WHOLE MATTER, AND WANTS TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION. (COMMENT: THIS APPARENT SHIFT TN THE PRESIDENT'S THINKING MIGHT BE REFLECTIVE OF THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED INFLUENCE OF LAUGERUD.) THE PRESIDENT STATED HE IS "OPPOSED TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF CUBA, WHETHER THE SANCTIONS ARE IN EFFECT OR NOT. I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, WITHOUR WITHOUT THE SANCTIONS I DON'T WANT TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS WITH CUBA IN ANY WAY". HE CITED HIS RECENT DISAPPROVALOF AN IBERIA AIRLINES REQUEST TO FLY FROM MADRID TO SAN SALVADOR VIA HAVANA. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY SO, MOLINA NOW APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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BELIVES THAT CUBA CONTINUES TO EXPORT REVOLUTION.

7. PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS - THE PRESIDENT SAID EL SALVADOR DOES NOT WANT TO BE DRAGGED INTO THIS DISPUTE BETWEEN FRIENDS. THE TWO SIDES, HE SAID, SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. (COMMENT- AT A LUNCH WITH LUIGI EINAUDI LATER IN THE DAY, FOREIGN MINISTER BORGONOVO GAVE A CONSIDERABLY MORE ONE SIDED VIEW OF EL

SALVADOR'S POSITION WHEN HE SAID THAT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS,
THE GOES WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT PANAMA IF THE DISPUTE IS NOT
SOLVED BILATERALLY. BORGONOVO CITED THE PRESSURE OF LATIN
AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AS THE PRINCIPAL REASON.)
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